

VENONA
~~TOP SECRET~~



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1. LEVANGER: CIPHER WORK
 2. APPARATUS TO BE HANDED TO BERNS
- (1942)

From: STOCKHOLM

To: MOSCOW

No.: 31

7th January 1942

To DIRECTOR.

[B% In reply to your No][2 groups unrecovered]

[D% measures have been taken. The scope of] LEVANGER's[i] [D% cipher work]

[33 groups unrecovered]

Military Academy (as a cipher officer[a] [7 groups unrecovered]
[O% periodically he][1 group unrecovered][D% that] nearly all his time
is occupied by cipher work. [2 groups unrecovered] his actual and [B%
theoretical] potentialities, make it possible to use him

[35 groups unrecovered].

No. 6 ✓

AKASTO[ii]

To NORTHERN[iii].

[1 group unrecovered] in reply to your No. 93[b].

In official [7 groups unrecovered] [O% where][2 groups unrecovered].
On 9th January BERNS[iv]

[22 groups unrecovered]

transfer of material[c]. The first apparatus [APPARAT][d] will be handed to
BERNS.

[Continued overleaf]

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3. On [1 group unrecovered], January our stations heard the MUSICIAN
[MUSYKANT][v]: [B% on 6th January] did not hear[?]

[26 groups unrecovered]

the soldier[c] will return.

[22 groups unrecovered]

wavelength of 60 metres. On a wavelength of 50 metres at 0315 hrs. The
coefficient of the wavelength is +6[vi].

No. 7 ✓

AKASTO

Notes: [a] Or "cipher clerk".

[b] Not available.

[c] Presumably documentary material, i.e. papers etc.

[d] Certainly a radio camera or film set.

[e] Not available.

[f] The verb is in the third person singular. It is not
clear who or what the subject is.

[g] Or "soldiers".

Comments: [i] LEVINGER:

Unidentified. This could be a Norwegian
surname or covername. Also occurs in
MOSCCO's No. 333 of 8th May 1942 (3/167/T167)
1891) and STOCKHOLM's No. 1534 of 21st
1942 (3/NBF/T1675) and No. 3135 of
25th November 1943 (3/NBF/T1579).

[ii] AKASTO:

Col. N.I. NIKITUSHEV, Soviet Military
Attaché in STOCKHOLM.

[iii] NORTHERN:

MOSCCO addressee and signatory.
Probably Northern Department.

[iv] BIRMS:

Unidentified covername. Also occurs
in messages sent between MOSCCO and
STOCKHOLM between 8th October 1941
and 19th April 1942.

[v] MUSICIAN:

.../T operator.

[vi] 6:

A security device whereby the wavelength
is disguised by an additive.